

**The Slater Area
Historical Association**

2024 Annual Membership Meeting

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WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

- Welcome back!
- We experienced the great honor of bringing to light the experiences of our Vietnam Veterans
- We continue to educate and improve
- The future is not only physical exhibits, but also virtual exhibits

THANK YOU!

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Board of Directors

President – Barb Mallon

Vice President – Elaine Raines

Secretary – Louise O'Donnell

Treasurer – Evy Raes

Nancy Nelson

Mary O'Donnell

Don Rimathe

Robert Vespestad

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Meeting Etiquette

- Please mute yourself
- Please raise your hand so we can see it if you'd like to comment
 - Feel free to ask questions or make comments in the chat
 - Please raise your hand when voting on motions

SECRETARY'S REPORT

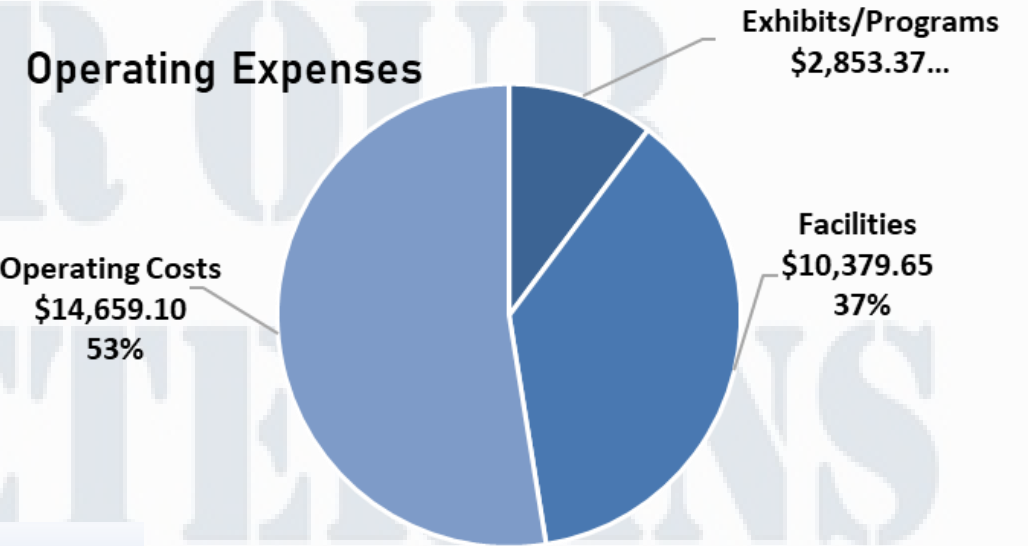
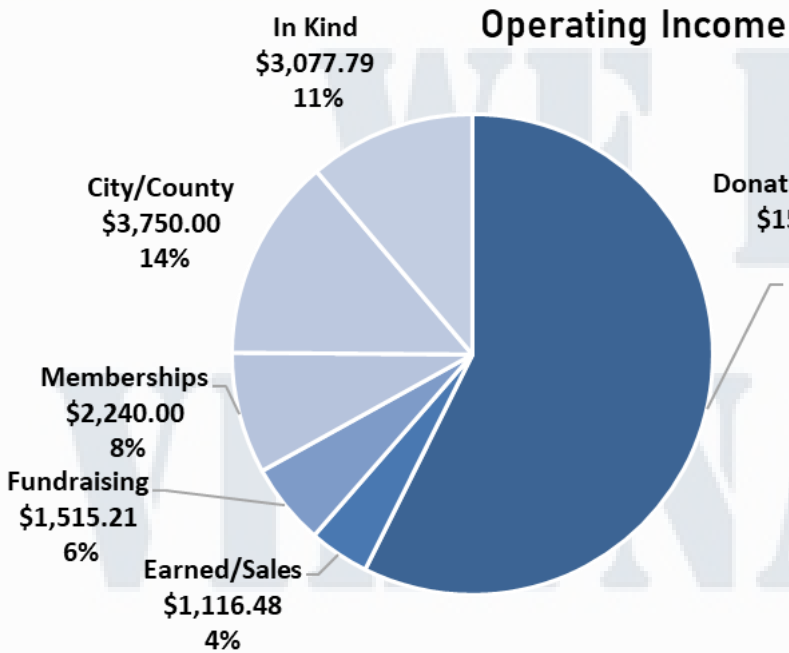
2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

- Total reserves - \$34,817
- Over 325 active members in 29 states in 2023
- 725 followers on Social Media
- Slater flag wins a world wide contest sponsored by flag fanatics from New Zealand
- Exhibits included the “The Barn – The Heart of the Farm” and “Play That Tune” among many others
- Digitization of The Slater News/Tri County Times

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TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 FINANCIALS



OPERATING RESERVES
 TOTAL OPERATING RESERVES
 AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023
 \$35,437

LONG TERM INVESTEMENTS:
 \$62,894

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2024 Proposed Budget

SAHA2023			SAHA 2024	
CREDITS	Budgeted Income	Actual	CREDITS	Budgeted Income
Capital One Reward	\$ -	\$ 213.87	Capital One Reward	\$ 200.00
City of Slater	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	City of Slater	\$ 2,900.00
Donation:In Kind	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,077.79	Donation:In Kind	\$ 1,000.00
Donation:Memorials	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,530.00	Donation:Memorials	\$ 6,000.00
Donations: Operating Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,934.00	Donations: Operating Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Facility Maintenance Fund Trf	\$ 500.00	\$ -	Facility Maintenance Fund Trf	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,515.21	Fundraising	\$ 2,500.00
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	Grants	\$ 2,000.00
Memberships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,240.00	Memberships	\$ 2,500.00
Misc.	\$ 200.00	\$ 62.36	Misc.	\$ 75.00
Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,116.48	Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Story County	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,750.00	Story County	\$ 3,750.00
Total	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 27,439.71	Total	\$ 31,925.00

*Funds from the City of Slater for 2023 will be received this year -\$2500 in addition to 2024 - \$2900

2024 Proposed Budget

DEBITS	Budgeted Expenses	Actual	DEBITS	Budgeted Expenses
Cost of goods	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 216.00	Cost of goods	\$ 400.00
Exhibits & Projects	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,853.37	Exhibitions and projects	\$ 1,500.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Facilities, Furnishings, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	Facilities, Furnishings, etc.	\$ -
Fund Raising Costs	\$ 400.00	\$ 675.92	Fund Raising Costs	\$ 400.00
General Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,116.11	General Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Grant Application Expense	\$ -	\$ -	Grant Applications Expense	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,628.04	Insurance	\$ 4,700.00
Misc. & supplies (office, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,849.91	Misc. & supplies (office, etc.)	\$ 2,500.00
Newspapers	\$ 480.00	\$ 2,266.45	Newspapers	\$ 500.00
Online Giving Expense	\$ 60.00	\$ 41.66	Online Giving Expense	\$ 60.00
Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 780.75	Postage	\$ 750.00
Printing	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,617.83	Printing	\$ 1,000.00
Professional memberships	\$ 150.00	\$ 311.00	Professional memberships	\$ 150.00
Publications	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Publications	\$ 50.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 500.00	\$ 545.78	Telephone/Internet	\$ 550.00
Trash, snow & lawncare	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,575.34	Trash, snow & lawn care	\$ 1,600.00
Utilities:electric/water	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,142.42	Utilities:electric/gas/water	\$ 6,100.00
Web Costs	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,401.68	Web Costs	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 25,149.66	\$28,022.26	Total	\$ 23,760.00

2024 MEMBERSHIP

- 325 Active members
- Representing 30 states from Alaska to Wyoming
- Over 795 followers on social media, including followers from the United Kingdom, Nigeria, Botswana, Brazil, Laos, Germany and New Zealand
- Average engagements per month = 3 – 4 thousand

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ELECTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2024

- All board members have agreed to another term
- Monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
- Nominations from the members?
- Election of Board

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IOWA STATE CLASS VISITS



Urban Design Global Studio is a 6-credit course of study within the Master of Urban Design Program at Iowa State University. Luis Rico-Gutierrez, Dean of the College of Design, accompanied 12 students in the curriculum to view, some for the second time, our Museum for their study of small towns.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Over 450 visitors and program attendees
- Out of state visitors traveled from Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Tennessee, Texas, Mexico, New Zealand
- Special groups include the Northcrest Community and the Iowa State University Urban Design Class
- A special exhibit opening was held, honoring Vietnam Veterans. Special guests included Paul Rogers, correspondent for the VVA Veterans Magazine; Mike Vogt from the Iowa Gold Star Museum, manning Vietnam Era Equipment; and guest speaker was Dr. (LTC) Steven Kruse

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All Gave Some, Some Gave All

What started as a project to document the stories of our Vietnam veterans before they slipped away became a months long labor of love.

The culmination of the gathering of interviews of veterans and artifacts was a luncheon on November 12, honoring those who had shared their interviews with the museum volunteers.

The “Stories of Our Vietnam Veterans” Exhibit brings the experiences of those who served into the present.

The Exhibit will run until July 4th of 2024

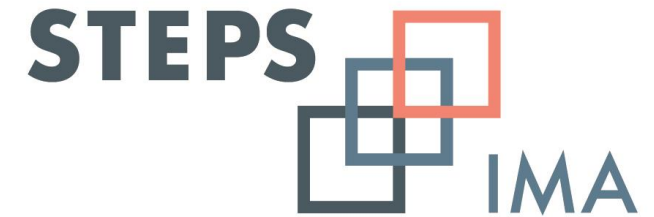
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Exhibits and Presentations

- *Growing Up In A Small Town – A Walk Down Memory Lane Presentation*
- *Be My Valentine – Updated*
- *Easter Parade – Updated*
- *Stories Of Our Vietnam Veterans*
Included a float in the 4th of July Parade
- *Speaker at Memorial Day Ceremony – Evy Raes*
- *Santa's Sleigh*
- *Unsung Heroes of WWI – Continuing*



Completed Projects



- Completion of the Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (STEPS)
- Development of Volunteer Brochure, QR codes for Exhibit Information, Exhibit Planning Guide, and Accessioning/Deaccessioning Guide
- Participation in a panel at the Iowa Museum Association Annual Conference
- Reorganization of Textiles Storage
- Completion of digital newspaper website instruction manual
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How to Search the Slater News Database

The Slater News Database, digitized by Community History Archives, allows the *News* to be searched by any name, topic, or other terms and to see the actual pages of the paper with the search terms highlighted. At this time (2022) we have 1890-1977 available to search. More years will be added as funds become available. Some of the examples below were created before the years to 1977 were added.

The link to the database is below. If it is blue or purple, place the cursor on the link and press CTRL/CLICK to go to the website.

<https://slater.advantage-preservation.com>

NOTE: Use Microsoft Edge as your browser. Certain operations may not work on other browsers.

Opening Screen





Future Projects

- Continuation of the Stories of Vietnam Exhibit through July 4th, 2024
- Continued development of a history of Main Street, Slater
- Erection of an interchangeable sign, bike rack, and bench on the Slater to Sheldahl section of the High Trestle Trail
- Erection of an interchangeable sign on the Heart of Iowa Trail
- Development of a walking tour of “The Town That Moved”
- Hiring of a grant writer/web designer/intern

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Adjournment

Thank you for your continued support!

We look forward to providing our members and visitors with new and exciting ways to present history.

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